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Boulder Fire Rescue
CITIZENS' FIRE ACADEMY

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To ensure a seat in the Citizens' Fire Academy, please complete the following application/registration process by **Thursday, March 31, 2016**. Applications will be processed in the order they are received.

1. APPLICATION

Please complete the application and return to the Boulder Fire Department Administration, 3065 Center Green Drive, Boulder, CO 80301, ATTN: Kim Scott (scottk@bouldercolorado.gov). Once your application has been received and processed, you will be notified of the application results.

2. LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

Once your application has been processed and, if accepted, you will be sent a letter of acceptance/confirmation. This letter will provide you with the beginning date, time and location of the first class.

INSTRUCTIONS

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROVIDED AS A GUIDE TO ASSIST YOU IN PROPERLY COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE INFORMATION BE ACCURATE IN ALL RESPECTS. IT WILL BE USED AS A BASIS FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK THAT WILL DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BOULDER FIRE RESCUE CITIZENS' ACADEMY. ALL INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

1. This application should be printed or typed legibly. Answer all questions to the best of your ability.

2. If a question is not applicable to you, enter N/A in the space provided.

3. If there is insufficient space on the form for you to include all information required, attach extra sheets of "8 ½ x 11" paper.

4. An accurate and complete form will expedite the criminal history check of your application.

5. Provide a copy of your **photographic identification** by attaching it to your completed application form.

6. Mail, email or hand-deliver your completed application to Boulder Fire Department Administration (see above for details).

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Application for Enrollment

Applicant **must be 18** years of age or older and reside within the City of Boulder to apply. Incomplete and/or unsigned applications will not be considered. Please print or type.

Personal

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Last First MI

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Driver's License/State Number _____

Occupation _____ E-mail _____

How long have you lived and/or worked in Boulder? _____

Have you ever been arrested for, convicted of, or cited for an offense other than minor traffic tickets? _____
If yes, explain in detail including date, charge, place and action taken.

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Background

Please explain briefly why you wish to be enrolled in the Boulder Fire Rescue Citizens' Academy.

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Medical History
Is there any medical information you feel the Boulder Fire Department should be aware of? If yes, please explain.

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Will you be able to attend at least 80% of the Academy which is necessary to receive a certificate of completion? Unforseen emergency situations will be recognized. Yes _____ No _____ If not, please explain:

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Education

Check last grade completed:

____ High School ____ Associate Degree _____ Bachelor Degree _____ Graduate Degree

List any fire service or emergency medical training: include fire training in military, first aid courses, CPR, etc. (List the most recent first). Attach more sheets if necessary.

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Are you a member of any civic groups/professional organizations? _____ If so, please list below.

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Please review your answers carefully and read the statement below before signing this application.

I hereby certify that there are no willful misrepresentations, omissions, or falsifications in the foregoing statements. I understand any omission or false statements on this application may result in rejection of enrollment or dismissal from Boulder Fire Rescue Citizens' Academy.

I understand that the Boulder Police Department will be conducting a thorough criminal history check.

By accepting a seat in the Boulder Fire Rescue Citizens' Academy, I hereby give permission to the City of Boulder and the Boulder Fire Department, the use of session photographs/video that may include my photographic image/video in public presentations and/or publications.

I further understand that I will not receive compensation for the use of my photographic image/video in said presentations/publications.

_____ _____

Applicant Signature Date

Note: **Attach a copy of your photo identification (example: driver's license, military ID, State ID Card) to this application.**

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APPLICANT ADVISORY

Due to the sensitive nature of some subjects being presented in the Boulder Fire Rescue Citizens' Academy, a criminal history background check will be conducted on all individuals applying for attendance into the Academy. Individuals found to possess a criminal history will be individually evaluated as to the appropriateness of their attendance in the Academy.

Attendance by individuals possessing a felony conviction will be denied. Boulder Fire Department reserves the right to deny attendance based upon adverse criminal history information, or for any other reason.

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AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE
ASSUMPTION OF RISK
RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION

To enable Boulder Fire Rescue ("BFR") to educate citizens on the nature and scope of fire functions and activities, and thereby increase citizens understanding and awareness of the numerous challenges faced by a fire department, the BFR has developed the BFR Citizens' Academy. Chosen participants of the BFR Citizens' Academy are taught fire tactics and procedures and participate in simulated fire actions which give such citizen a unique opportunity to more fully appreciate fire work.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the benefits that I will receive from my decision to volunteer as a participant in the Boulder Fire Rescue Citizens' Academy sponsored by the Boulder Fire Department, I _____ do hereby agree as follows: (please print your name)

1. I understand that participation in the BFR Citizens' Academy is voluntary and I hereby represent, by my signature below, that my decision to participate was made voluntarily with full knowledge of the consequences as set forth herein.

2. I acknowledge and understand that participation in the BFR Citizens' Academy necessarily involves an inherent risk of physical injury through my active participation in various physical activities including fire tactics and my use of fire tools, such as, but not limited to, various types of *power tools, ladders, extrication equipment, high pressure hose streams, and turn-out gear.* Simulated fire actions involve use of a fire extinguisher to extinguish burning flammable liquid and wood props. Such physical injury may be severe and may include disfigurement, disability, broken bones or death. I understand that participation also involves the risk of loss or damage to any personal property or belongings I have with me during such participation.

3. I also understand that I may voluntarily choose to participate in ladder work at elevated heights and other more strenuous sessions involving physical activity in connection with technical rescue training, collapse and limited visibility searches, and performing extrication from simulated auto accidents which also involves inherent risk of injury. I understand that participation in these sessions poses additional inherent risks of serious physical injury, disability, disfigurement or death. Further, I recognize and acknowledge any instructional session is not intended to be nor should it be relied upon to be a substitute for any type of accredited, qualifying or certified class as it relates to such instruction. All instruction at the BFR Citizens' Academy is of a general nature, is informational only and is only intended to familiarize students with common fire and emergency medicine activity.

4. I further understand that the BFR Citizens' Academy is intended to be for my benefit and education in order to better understand fire operations and procedures and is undertaken by the City of Boulder Fire Department without cost to me and therefore I expressly assume any and all risks of participation in the BFR Citizens' Academy, arising out of or in any way related to same as identified herein or otherwise and accept those risks whether or not caused by any act, omission, negligence or fault of the City of Boulder, the Boulder Fire Department or its officers and employees.

5. By signing this Agreement to Participate, including signing the acknowledgement below indicating my desire to participate in the BFR Citizens' Academy, I voluntarily release the City of Boulder from any and all claims, demands, and actions for any injury, loss or damage arising out of, or in any way related to, my participation in either the Citizens' Academy and/or the BFR Citizens' Academy, whether or not caused by the act, omission, negligence or other fault of the City of Boulder, the Boulder Fire Department or its officers and employees.

6. By signature below, I further hereby to, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Boulder from and against all liability, claims and damages, including any third party claims asserted against the City of Boulder of any bodily injury, loss, or property damage which may arise out of or is in any way related to my participation in the BFR Citizens' Academy and/or the BFR Citizens' Academy whether or not caused by my actions, omissions or negligence or other fault or by the act, omission, negligence or other fault of the City of Boulder.

7. I understand that by signing this Agreement to Participate, the City of Boulder is relying on and does not waive by the provisions of this Agreement to Participate the monetary limitations or other rights and immunities and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. §24-10-101, et seq., as it is from time to time amended or otherwise available to the City of Boulder.

8. My signature on this Agreement to Participate shall be binding upon myself and my legal representative, successors, heirs and assigns.

_____ _____
Name of Participant (Print) Date

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Signature of Participant